

# Somerset Cultural Council



**Meeting Date: November 29, 2016 6:30**

**Location 140 Wood St Somerset MA 02726 (Hearing Room)**

## Present

Laurel Paquin Chairwoman, Mike Monte Treasurer, Emily Esten, Laura LaTour, Maria Monte, Marybeth Rua-Larson,

## Minutes

### Meeting Called to Order 6:30

Chair-Welcomed our two new members Emily and Laura, and thanked Mike for his completion of six years of service to the council

### Old Business 6:35

Chair- Review 2 outstanding grants and anticipates that the paperwork will be submitted within the next few weeks to close out previous year's grant cycle

### New Business 6:40

**Applications** – Council discussed and voted to only accept applications submitted through the online portal of the cultural council. It was **unanimously** approved.

**Mailbox** – We discussed if we needed a separate PO Box now that applications would be submitted through the state council website and voted **unanimously** to move the mail location to the town hall.

**Priorities** - Council discussed updating our priorities list to include projects that are:

- Applications that have a community connection with one or more local sponsors
- Applications that are free and accessible to the residents of Somerset
- Applications that are a benefit to the town or resident of Somerset
- Applications that have matching funds or a situations where some other funding source is also being utilized for the event
- Applications that cannot be funded through other Mass Cultural Council Grants or Programs
- The council will also strive to make sure that approved grant applications benefit a diverse demographic and cultural base

The Council has decided to work with the state Cultural council to make sure the wording and intent is in line with their vision and will vote on these priorities at the next meeting

**Meeting Frequency** - The Council will meet more frequently than has happened in the past. We will increase to three yearly meetings

- Once in the spring to put together a grant writing and council information session
- Once over the summer to host a grant writing workshop/information session
- Once for our annual meeting to approve grants

This was **unanimously** approved

**Grant review** – All Grants submitted were discussed and weighted on their merit. The table below lists our decision to approve (fully or Partial or deny) each grant

Somerset Cultural Council Grant Summary - 2017 Grants		
Agency/Artist	Description	Funded
South Elementary School	*Field Trip to the Z	Partial Funded
Gregory Maichack	Pastel Paint 45 Million Dollar Flower	Full Funded
Friends of Somerset Public Library	Toe Jam Puppet Band	Full Funded
Mass Society of Genealogists	Welcome to the Grave Yard	Full Funded
Friends of Somerset Public Library	Marvelous Marvin	Full Funded
Friends of Somerset Public Library	Science tellers Tall Ships and Pirate Tales	Full Funded
New Bedford Symphony Orchestra	Learning in Concert (gravity in space and sound)	Not Funded
Somerset Historical Society	Abigail Adams Remember the Ladies	Full Funded
Friends of Somerset Public Library	This land is Your Land	Full Funded
Somerset Council on Aging	Drums Alive	Partial Funded
New Bedford festival theater	My Fair Lady	Full Funded
Doug Danger Senecal	Live Life Full Throttle	Not Funded
The marble collection Inc	TMC	Not Funded
Barbara Canuel	Plymouth Plantation Field Trip (Girl Scout)	Not Funded
Congregational Christian Church of Somerset	Community Concert Series	Full Funded
Kirk Whipple	Duo Pianist	Not Funded
Pied Potter Hamelin	Potters Wheel	Not Funded

This list was accepted and voted on **unanimously** with Marybeth Rua-Larson announced a conflict of interest for the Historical Society grant(s) and refrained from comment on these items and vote for this one application.

### **Election Of New Officer**

**Laurel Paquin** (Chairwoman) **Maria Monte** (Treasurer) were **Unanimously** Voted as the 2017 -2018 Somerset Cultural Council Officers.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:30 PM**

**Submitted:**

**Laurel Paquin**  
**Chairwoman**